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Landowners & Adjacent landowners  
Persons submitting comments on the EA  
    \*Emailed notification of the availability of the EA  
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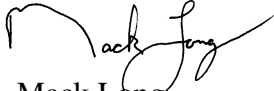
Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed you will find the Decision Notice (DN) for a Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) concerning its proposal to exchange approximately 19 acres on the Blackfoot-Clearwater Wildlife Management Area (BCWMA) along the corridor of Montana Highway 83 with the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) for a 53-acre parcel that is adjacent to BCWMA's western boundary. This exchange is necessary for MDT's Clearwater Junction-North Project to widen and realign the right-of-way for Highway 83 in Missoula County between Clearwater Junction and Seeley Lake. If implemented, this action would be in lieu of monetary payment from MDT to FWP for right-of-way acquisition across the WMA.

This DN is available for review in Helena at FWP's Headquarters, the State Library and the Environmental Quality Council. It also may be obtained from the Region 2 FWP Headquarters or viewed on FWP's Internet website at <http://fwp.mt.gov> ("Recent Public Notices").

In consideration of the Draft EA and the DN, I am pleased to recommend that the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission approve the proposed exchange of lands between FWP and MDT at its December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting in Helena. Approval will also be necessary from the Montana Board of Land Commissioners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mack Long". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Mack Long  
Regional Supervisor

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